Pending projects of Andhra Pradesh

1305. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have requested to clear their pending projects early;

(b) if so, the details of projects of Andhra Pradesh Government which have been cleared; and

(c) the details of projects yet to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, sir. The Andhra Pradesh Government have not requested Planning Commission to clear their pending projects.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Roads in Kolkata

1306. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale demonstration took place on the 31st May, 2003, at Kolkata with a demand to restore the badly damaged Taratalo road and a portion of Central Garden Reach Road owned by Kolkata Port Trust; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to restore the road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) My Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways and Centrally Financed Schemes. Taratalo road and Central Garden Reach road are not part of National Highways.

Annual social cost of road accidents

1307. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that as per Planning Commission

the estimated annual social cost of road accidents in India is Rs. 55,000 crores, and that 81,966 people were killed in road accidents in 1999 and in 2000 the figure was 78,911;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made to identify the reasons for this huge loss, and how many people were killed in road accidents during 2001 and 2002; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to gradually reduce road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. As per information available, during the year 2001 a total of 7,99,956 (Provisional) persons were killed. The information regarding persons killed during 2002 is not available.

(c) Government of India has been undertaking a number of engineering and educational measures to prevent road accidents. Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents are as under:

(1) Cranes and ambulances are provided to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme.

(2) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audiovisual-print media.

(4) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(5) Institutions of National Award for voluntary organizations/ individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(6) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(7) tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(8) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.